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Energy Sector

1. *September 11, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **US gets \$3.7M from Enbridge, closes pollution case.** Federal regulators said the Canadian owner of a pipeline that ruptured in 2010 and dumped more than 800,000 gallons of oil into Michigan's Kalamazoo River has paid a \$3.7 million fine. The U.S. Department of Transportation said September 10 that the payment sent August 10 closes its enforcement action against Calgary, Alberta-based Enbridge Inc. The company owns a pipeline running from Griffith, Indiana, to Sarnia, Ontario. The pipeline burst near Marshall, Michigan, spewing oil into the Kalamazoo River system. The federal agency said the penalty against Enbridge was the largest it has imposed. It cited Enbridge for 24 violations of hazardous liquid pipeline regulations, including failure to fix corrosion discovered as far back as 2004. It also said that Enbridge failed to detect the rupture for 17 hours.
Source: http://wwmt.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.mi/2649af74-www.wwmt.com.shtml
2. *September 10, Yuma Sun* – (Arizona) **Electricity restored to 12,000.** Arizona Public Service (APS) crews from around the State were working around the clock to restore power to thousands of customers who were still without power September 10 after a severe storm September 9 took out 65 power poles. Most of the affected residents live in the area served by the Foothills substation, which lost all sources of power in the storm, said an APS spokesman. The storm initially hit the Yuma area and impacted about 19,000. By the evening of September 10, APS had restored power to 12,000 people, mostly in the Foothills, a company spokeswoman said. About 1,000 were still without electricity in isolated pockets of the Foothills, Yuma, and Somerton, she added. Crews planned to work through the night and hoped to have power restored to them by September 11, she said.
Source: <http://www.yumasun.com/news/power-81659-foothills-lines.html>
3. *September 10, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Chevron pipe was in bad shape, feds say.** Federal officials investigating the Chevron refinery fire in Richmond, California, said they have removed an 8-foot section of the pipe that had thinned dangerously before it failed in August and have sent it to a private materials lab to be analyzed. U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) investigators observed that the wall of the 5-16th-inch-thick, 8-inch-diameter pipe leading away from the No. 4 Crude Unit had "lost most of its original thickness." They said September 10 that the section will be analyzed for corrosion or other factors that may have led to its rupture and the August 6 fireball. The CSB's western regional manager said the probe will focus on whether Chevron followed industry standards in deciding to leave the pipe in place last year when the refinery was shut down for maintenance. Chevron decided to replace a nearby 12-inch-diameter line during that shutdown because it was corroded. The firm considered replacing the 8-inch line but in the end kept the pipe in place. Federal investigators were still trying to determine how badly thinned the pipe was last year when Chevron made the initial decision to replace it.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Chevron-pipe-was-in-bad-shape-feds-say-3854828.php#photo-3436133>

4. *September 10, KFXK 51 Longview* – (Texas) **40,000 worth of equipment stolen in ETX oil field theft.** Harrison County, Texas officials asked for the public's help in solving an east Texas oil field theft, KFXK 51 Longview reported September 10. Authorities said a 16-foot heavy duty trailer, a control panel, and copper wiring were stolen from a Howell Oil Company well site. Howell officials claim they left the equipment parked near Owens Corner Road. When the work superintendent returned to the location 2 days later, he found the trailer had disappeared. The tan trailer contained about 2,000 feet of heavy copper wire and a "soft-start" control panel. The items were estimated to be worth \$40,000. The control panel is tan and grey in color. The trailer is a heavy-duty, double-axle trailer and is also tan. The copper wire is in 200 foot and 83 foot sections. Details surrounding how the theft happened were unclear, however it appeared that the burglars may have entered the site through an unlocked gate.
Source: <http://www.fox51.com/news/40000-worth-equipment-stolen-etx-oil-field-theft>
5. *September 10, Denton Record-Chronicle* – (Texas) **Cut gas pipe shuts down highway.** A damaged natural gas pipe, with an accompanying cloud of gas, shut down U.S. Highway 380 west of Denton, Texas, for more than 2 hours September 10. The shutdown caused misery for numerous drivers, since there are few alternate routes in the area. A sergeant with the Denton County Sheriff's Office said a road construction crew with the Jagoe Company was digging when equipment struck the gas pipe owned by the Targa gas company. The Denton County emergency management officer said that the 6-inch diameter line was cut during widening of U.S. 380 near the intersection with Smith Road. Krum firefighters evacuated 10 houses and shut down the heavily traveled highway between Smith and Ripy roads for about 2 hours. A heavy cloud of gas hovered over the area, and firefighters rerouted traffic and asked residents in the general area to stay inside their homes until the plume had time to disperse.
Source: <http://www.dentonrc.com/local-news/local-news-headlines/20120910-cut-gas-pipe-shuts-down-highway.ece>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *September 10, Associated Press* – (California) **LA-area gas cylinder blast forces freeway shutdown.** Los Angeles County fire officials said the explosion of a compressed-gas cylinder that fell off the back of a truck on State Route 60 briefly caused the freeway's closure and evacuations of some homes in the city of Industry, California. A fire inspector told the Los Angeles City News Service that 10 to 20 canisters of carbon dioxide tumbled off the back of a truck September 10, when one of them exploded. Firefighters worked to release pressure from the canisters, and some homes in the area were evacuated as a precaution. The fire inspector said eastbound State Route 60 and its interchange with Interstate 605 were closed for about 2 hours.
Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_21511413/la-area-gas-cylinder-blast-forces-freeway-shutdown

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *September 11, ABC News* – (National) **Dirty bomb threat lurks in U.S. hospitals, fed study warns.** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report September 11 saying that hospitals have been negligent in securing the radioactive materials they use to treat cancer patients, potentially putting the materials in the hands of terrorists who could use them to make a dirty bomb. The GAO warned Congress about lapses in hospitals, many of which routinely use equipment containing radioactive materials. Nearly four out of five hospitals across the country have failed to put in place safeguards to secure radiological material that could be used in a dirty bomb, according to the report, which identifies more than 1,500 hospitals as having high-risk radiological sources. According to the report, the National Nuclear Security Administration spent \$105 million to complete security upgrades at 321 of more than 1,500 hospitals and medical facilities that were identified as having high-risk radiological sources. The upgrades included security cameras, iris scanners, motion detectors, and tamper alarms. But these upgrades are not expected to be completed until 2025, so many hospitals and medical centers remain vulnerable, the GAO said. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission challenged the GAO's findings, saying that the agency and its partners are vigilant about protecting hospitals and medical facilities, and had developed additional voluntary layers of security to do so. The American Hospital Association said it was reviewing the GAO's recommendations.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/negligent-security-radioactive-material-hospitals-terrorism-risk-gao/story?id=17207135#.UE9owrJIRjV>
8. *September 11, Softpedia* – (International) **Buggy malware found to target French nuclear power company.** Experts have come across a malicious element in an email sent to French nuclear and energy company Areva that is misconfigured and cannot execute, Softpedia reported September 11. The email analyzed by researchers came with an executable that extracted a number of family photographs, an iTunes file, and a PDF file. While the images were likely stolen from the computer of an unwitting user, the PDF actually contained a scanned printout of an internal email from Areva-NC in Normandy, France. The information it contained was not of major importance, but it clearly showed Areva was not a random target. The malware was the Dark Comet Remote Administration Tool, one utilized on numerous occasions in malicious campaigns. However, the attack cannot cause any damage to devices because the application was not properly configured. The principal security researcher at Norman explained that the Trojan is just installed, but it is never executed. Furthermore, it is not properly configured, the overall file is very large (around 30 MB), and the iTunes file is empty and does not contain any malicious code. He believes that there are three possible scenarios: the attack is real but it does not work because the trojan is misconfigured, it may only be a test build, or it was simply meant to confuse researchers.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Buggy-Malware-Found-to-Target-French-Nuclear-Power-Company-291386.shtml>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *September 11, Pollution Solutions* – (California) **Three southern California metal companies to spend more than \$196,000 for federal violations on wastewater discharge.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) September 11 announced the conclusion of three recent investigations of southern California metal finishing companies that will collectively spend more than \$196,650 for hazardous waste and Clean Water Act violations. All three facilities are located along the I-710 freeway corridor where the effects of pollution are disproportionately higher than in other areas of Los Angeles County. AAA Plating and Inspection in Compton agreed to pay \$74,000 in fines for failure to treat industrial wastewater to federal standards before discharge into the Los Angeles County sewer system. Morrell's Electro Plating in Compton will pay \$19,500 in fines for the improper management and treatment of hazardous waste. In addition, Morrell's will spend at least \$100,000 on the purchase and installation of a sludge dryer, reducing hazardous waste generated at the facility by 336 pounds a day. Service Plating Co. Inc. in Los Angeles will pay \$3,150 for failure to properly label hazardous waste containers at its facility. Discharge into sewer systems included above-limit amounts of chromium, cadmium, nickel, and cyanide.

Source: http://www.pollutionsolutions-online.com/news/water-wastewater/17/epa/three_southern_california_metal_companies_to_spend_more_than_196000_for_federal_violations_on_wastewater_discharge/21885/

10. *September 10, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Montana) **U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA cites SeaCast for violations at Butte, Mont., foundry; proposes \$104,000 in fines.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) September 10 cited SeaCast Inc. for 14 safety and health violations – including one willful – following an inspection at the company's foundry in Butte, Montana. The company faces proposed penalties of \$104,000 following an inspection that was initiated after OSHA received complaints alleging safety and health violations. Thirteen serious violations involved machine guarding deficiencies, elevated levels of respirable silica, not providing a fully implemented respiratory protection program for employees, unsecured storage racks and materials, blocked electrical equipment, inadequate housekeeping, and failing to reduce the pressure of compressed air nozzles to less than 30 pounds per square inch. A willful violation was cited for failing to administer a continuous, effective hearing conservation program.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22974

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *September 11, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Part of Boeing’s Ridley Park factory evacuated.** The part of a Boeing factory near Philadelphia that produces the CH-47 Chinook helicopter was evacuated September 11 after a threatening note was found, a company spokesman said. The note forced several hundred employees to leave the sprawling plant between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. “The threat related to one of our production facilities,” said a Boeing spokesman. The Ridley Park factory also produces the V-22 Osprey. Another spokesman said first-shift workers were sent home, but Boeing was hopeful second-shift workers would be on the job in the afternoon. “The investigation into the threat is still continuing inside the building,” he said.

Source:

http://seattletimes.com/html/boeingaerospace/2019123113_boeingridleyxml.html

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *September 11, Erie Times-News* – (Pennsylvania; National) **Police suspect ‘Bucket List Bandit’ in Erie bank robbery.** Police searched September 10 for a man accused of using a note to rob an Erie, Pennsylvania branch of Huntington Bank, and the suspected robber could be a man known as the “Bucket List Bandit” and wanted in nine other States for similar crimes. Police said the man walked into the bank with a note demanding money and indicating that the man had a gun. No gun was shown, however, according to Erie police. He walked out of the bank with an undisclosed sum of cash. The man was reportedly given a dye pack and it exploded after he left the bank. Police found some bills with dye on them. Surveillance footage led police to believe he was the so-called “Bucket List Bandit,” who earned that nickname after passing a note to a bank teller in Roy, Utah. The man is also wanted for robberies in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

Source: <http://www.goerie.com/article/20120911/NEWS02/309109912/Police-suspect-Bucket-List-Bandit>

13. *September 11, South Florida Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **ATM skimming gang suspected in recent cases at Publix Supermarkets.** A man seen on security cameras was believed to be part of a gang responsible for ATM skimmer devices discovered at Publix Supermarkets along Florida’s east coast, authorities said September 10. Since August 5, police in six different cities in four counties have reported cases of debit- or credit-card stealing devices being used at machines outside of seven Publix Supermarkets. The devices, known as skimmers, all appear to be molded, painted, and designed to fit the supermarket chain’s Presto ATMs. In at least three of the cities, a man wearing Bermuda shorts with colorful patterns, a ball cap, and sunglasses was seen on surveillance tapes working with other people installing the high-tech pickpocket devices. In at least one of the cases, a pinhole camera that records people punching in PIN codes was found along with a skimmer. Since September 7, skimmers have been found at Publixes in Coral Springs and Fort Lauderdale. In Daytona Beach,

surveillance video showed a man installing what appeared to be a skimmer and removing it hours later.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/fl-skimmers-at-publix-20120910,0,6434089,full.story>

14. *September 10, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts; International) **SEC accuses Hub firm of \$26M fraud.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) September 10 accused a Boston company of defrauding investors through an alleged \$26 million scheme that involved claims of manufacturing and selling the “MailDefender,” a machine that could irradiate dangerous biological agents such as anthrax in mail. Of the approximately \$26.8 million in cash generated by BioDefense Corp. from 2004 to early 2011, \$26.2 million came from alleged unlawful security sales to investors rather than sales of its “purported” product, said the complaint. BioDefense principals sold unregistered securities to investors in the United States by at least 2004 and then started using so-called “boiler room” firms to sell shares to overseas investors primarily in the United Kingdom in 2008 after attracting the attention of Texas and Massachusetts regulators, the SEC claimed. The firm falsely claimed it was preserving its cash assets by having employees work for equity, when in fact its largest expense was its compensation of its founder, former senior executive vice president, senior officer, and others, the SEC alleged. The Massachusetts Securities Division and British authorities assisted the SEC in the investigation.

Source:

http://bostonherald.com/business/general/view/20220910sec_accuses_hub_firm_of_26_m_fraud

15. *September 10, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Texas) **Dallas County man convicted in multi-million dollar mortgage fraud scheme involving upscale town homes in Dallas.** A federal jury convicted a man on various offenses related to a \$8 million mortgage fraud scheme he ran in the Dallas area, according to the U.S. Department of Justice September 10. The jury convicted the man on one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and three counts of mail fraud. The evidence at trial showed he ran two real estate “investment” businesses called Investor Source and Myriad Investments. He located sellers who wanted to unload excess properties and were willing to “kick back” substantially all of their proceeds to the defendant. He then recruited straw buyers and worked with loan officers to prepare and submit fraudulent loan applications on the buyers’ behalf. The loan applications contained numerous material false statements, such as overstating the buyer’s income level or assets. He also received a substantial kickback from the seller after each of the transactions closed and then disbursed a portion of those kickbacks to co-defendants and others involved in the fraud. The scheme involved about \$6 million in fraudulently obtained proceeds and \$2 million in estimated losses.

Source: http://www.ntxe-news.com/artman/publish/article_78645.shtml

16. *September 10, PC Magazine* – (National) **SMS phishing attacks skyrocketed last week.** In the first week of September, SMS phishing attacks rose 913 percent, making spam the No. 1 text-based threat, said a report from Cloudmark, PC Magazine reported September 10. In a September 7 blog post, Cloudmark’s senior security researcher cited

a single set of attacks that began September 4 as the culprit for the week's surge. Over the course of 4 days, more than 500 unique phishing scams were sent out by attackers. Each one followed the same general format – "Fwd: Good Afternoon .Attention Required Call.(xxx)xxxxxxx" The phone numbers victims were asked to call included area codes from New Jersey, Alabama, Texas, Illinois, California, New York, Rhode Island, Missouri, Florida, Michigan, Georgia, and South Carolina, as well as 866, 877, and 888 toll-free numbers. Cloudmark reported the attackers were phishing for victims' sensitive credentials via Bank of America account suspensions, Macy's credit card collections, and the U.S. Veteran's Administration health services.

Source: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2409520,00.asp>

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Transportation Sector

17. *September 11, Morris Daily Herald* – (Illinois) **Bus accident sends dozens to hospitals.** Forty-one people were transported to area hospitals following a pickup truck and school bus accident in Marseilles, Illinois, September 10. The bus was 2 miles from dropping off about 60 of the total 238 kindergarten through eighth-grade students at Milton Pope School when the accident occurred. The accident is still under investigation by the La Salle County Sheriff's Office and the La Salle County State's Attorney's Office, but the La Salle County sheriff said accident reconstructionists believed the bus rolled 1.25 times before coming to a stop on its side. He said while many people were transported to hospitals, none of the injuries were expected to be life-threatening. Milton Pope School was shut down for the day.

Source: <http://www.morrisdailyherald.com/2012/09/11/bus-accident-sends-dozens-to-hospitals/a2ivlw7/>

18. *September 10, Parsippany Daily Record* – (New Jersey) **Electrical box cited in Sparta station fire.** The fire that destroyed the historic Sparta Train Station in Sparta, New Jersey has been determined to be "not suspicious," the Parsippany Daily Record reported September 10. Investigators found that an electrical panel box located on the outside of the building was a contributing factor, said a Sparta police sergeant. The fire was reported September 3 by a motorist who saw the flames while traveling north on Route 15, police said. Firefighters from the Sparta and Ogdensburg fire departments battled the blaze for approximately an hour and a half before finally clearing from the scene.

Source: <http://www.dailyrecord.com/article/20120910/NJNEWS/309100039/Electrical-box-cited-Sparta-station-fire?odyssey=nav|head>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *September 11, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **Woman found guilty of double murder at Kraft-Nabisco plant.** A Philadelphia woman who said she believed coworkers had sprayed her with toxic chemicals was found guilty of murder September 10 in the 2010 shootings at the Kraft-Nabisco Foods plant in northeast Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported September 11. She was found guilty by a Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge of two counts of first-degree murder, attempted murder, and reckless endangerment involving three other coworkers and a police officer she shot at but missed during the night-shift rampage September 9, 2010. The judge said she chose to return to the sprawling plant after being escorted out after an argument with three coworkers. The judge said she went to her car, got a .357 Magnum she legally owned and kept under the seat, and returned after threatening a guard.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/20120911_Woman_found_guilty_of_double_murder_at_Kraft-Nabisco_plant.html

20. *September 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Forever Cheese Recalls Ricotta Salata Frescolina brand for possible health risk.** Forever Cheese Inc. recalled all Ricotta Salata Frescolina brand, Forever Cheese lot # T9425 and/or production code 441202, from one specific production date due to possible Listeria Monocytogenes contamination, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported September 10. The cheese was sold to distributors for retailers and restaurants in California, Colorado, Washington, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington State from June 20-August 9. Products were sold to supermarkets, restaurants, and wholesale distributors. There have been 14 reported illnesses in 11 States which may be related to this. The potential for contamination was noted after illness was reported in connection with eating cheese.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm318844.htm>

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Water Sector

21. *September 11, Lansdale Reporter* – (Pennsylvania) **Blue Marsh lab owner sentenced for falsifying test results.** A former Douglass, Pennsylvania water testing company and its president were sentenced in federal court for their involvement with a conspiracy to falsify water test results, some of which went to federal agencies in connection with the Hurricane Katrina disaster, the Lansdale Reporter reported September 11. The owner of Blue Marsh Laboratories Inc. was sentenced to 9 months in prison, and the company placed on 5 years probation for incidents that occurred

between September 2005 and September 2007, court documents said. The owner and the company must share the cost of \$14,114 in restitution. The owner and the company pleaded guilty to devising a scheme to defraud customers and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent representations regarding test results. They also admitted to violating the federal Clean Water Act and to submitting a false test report to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), according to a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office. The indictment charged that during 2 months in 2005, the owner and firm prepared and mailed false and fraudulent test results for Hurricane Katrina flood water samples which were required by EPA to be tested for contamination by various pollutants. It said that between July and September 2007, the defendants provided fraudulent test results to the FDA for the testing of certain fruit, such as tangelos imported from South America, for contamination by pesticides.

Source:

<http://www.thereporteronline.com/article/20120911/NEWS03/120919966/blue-marsh-lab-owner-sentenced-for-falsifying-test-results>

22. *September 10, New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* – (Ohio) **Tusc. commissioners OK funding E. coli reduction system at sewage plant.** Tuscarawas County, Ohio commissioners signed a memorandum of understanding September 10 to fund a new system that will reduce E. coli in the water at the Twin City Sewage Treatment Plant. The ultraviolet light disinfectant system will reduce the amount of E. coli in the wastewater to meet Environmental Protection Agency standards. It also will get rid of the sulfur dioxide used to remove chlorine from the water. "It will remove the E. coli a lot more efficiently than the chlorine does," said the assistant superintendent of the Twin City Water and Sewer district. "The operators won't have to be around the chlorine because it's a hazard." The water treatment plant serves approximately 3,300 households in the Twin City area. The new system is set to cost \$767,200.

Source: <http://www.timesreporter.com/newsnow/x1903463430/Tusc-commissioners-OK-funding-E-coli-reduction-system-at-sewage-plant>

23. *September 10, Massillon Independent* – (Ohio) **Massillon mulls \$18M upgrade to wastewater plant.** The city of Massillon, Ohio, is considering an \$18 million upgrade and expansion to its regional wastewater treatment plant to limit phosphorus discharges and meet future capacity demands, the Massillon Independent reported September 10. The county would share half of the cost, which does not include an additional \$3 million for engineering, administrative, and legal fees. In its latest permit for the plant, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring the city reduce the amount of phosphorus being released following treatment into the Tuscarawas River. The EPA wants the city to reduce phosphorus from between 4 to 6 milligrams per liter to 1. The city must begin construction by September 1, 2013. It could face fines if it does not comply.

Source: <http://www.indeonline.com/news/x938528889/Massillon-mulls-18M-upgrade-to-wastewater-plant>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

24. *September 10, New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* – (Ohio) **64 nursing home residents evacuated after laundry room fire.** An estimated 64 residents from Beacon Pointe Rehabilitation Center in Uhrichsville, Ohio, were relocated to other facilities September 10 following a fire that started in the facility's laundry room. The fire was contained to a dryer. However, because smoke filled the rest of the building and of concerns about chemicals and carbon monoxide, residents were relocated to four places including Trinity Hospital Twin City in Dennison, Union Hospital in Dover, Schoenbrunn Rehabilitation Center in New Philadelphia and Beacon Pointe Rehabilitation in West Lafayette. Claymont City Schools donated at least three buses to transport the residents.
Source: <http://www.timesreporter.com/newsnow/x1903463419/64-nursing-home-residents-evacuated-after-laundry-room-fire>

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Government Facilities Sector

25. *September 11, Associated Press* – (Georgia; Washington; National) **5 more charged in Ga. military militia case.** Five more men were charged September 10 in connection with an anti-government militia that authorities say was led by U.S. Army soldiers from Fort Stewart who stockpiled weapons and talked of bombing a Savannah park fountain, poisoning apple crops in the State of Washington, and ultimately overthrowing the U.S. government. A Liberty County, Georgia grand jury indicted the five on charges of illegal gang activity and various counts involving theft, burglary, and auto-break-ins. Those crimes were committed to help fund the militia group, which called itself F.E.A.R., short for Forever Enduring Always Ready, a district attorney said September 11. The new indictments bring to 10 the total number of people charged in connection with the militia group.
Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/09/ap-five-more-arrested-in-army-militia-091112/>
26. *September 10, WOFL 35 Orlando* – (Florida) **UCF building evacuated due to mace in AC system.** Orange County, Florida Fire Rescue dispatched a hazardous material crew to the University of Central Florida Student Union September 10 to handle complaints of an odor. Witnesses said a perimeter was set up around the building with multiple emergency response vehicles. "People were being told to move back repeatedly by firefighters and staff. The atmosphere was that this was not a drill and something was occurring inside," a university student said. Crews have determined the odor was caused by distribution of mace through the building's air-conditioning filtration system. The building has since reopened. Eleven people were treated at the scene. University police officers are investigating.

Source: <http://www.wogx.com/story/19505353/ucf-building-evacuated-due-to-mace-in-ac-system>

27. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Stoughton chemistry teacher burned doing experiment.** A chemistry teacher is home recovering after burning her hand when a science experiment went awry September 10 at Stoughton High School in Stoughton, Wisconsin. The superintendent said the teacher was conducting a routine experiment to show how chemical reactions happen when a “flash” happened. Some students were showing signs of smoke inhalation and were taken to a local hospital. Eventually the entire classroom of about 25 students was checked out at the hospital as a precaution. They have since been released to their parents. Workers were cleaning the classroom.

Source: <http://www.wsaw.com/home/headlines/Chemistry-Teacher-Burned-Science-Wing-Evacuated-169183766.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *September 11, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **4 men captured, 1 still missing from Pike County Jail.** Four of five men who escaped from the Pike County, Missouri, detention center are back in custody, KTVI 2 St. Louis reported September 11. All five escaped September 8 by removing a tamper-resistant stainless steel shower panel, giving them access to a service area. According to the Pike County Sheriff's Department, three escapees were captured in Midwest City, Oklahoma, September 10. A fourth man has also been captured. He was taken into custody without incident on Pike 411 less than 1 mile from Hwy. 161 and is back in Pike County jail. The fifth man is still on the loose.

Source: <http://fox2now.com/2012/09/10/3-men-captured-2-missing-from-pike-county-jail/>

29. *September 11, Denver Post* – (Colorado; National) **Study finds perilous mold in Colorado pot-growing operations.** Police and other first responders may be exposed during busts of illegal marijuana- growing operations to dangerous levels of mold that could lead to potentially deadly respiratory diseases, researchers said September 10. A team working with a National Jewish Health researcher reviewed conditions in 30 marijuana- growing operations in Denver, Littleton, and Larimer County, Colorado and found mold levels at times 100 times higher than considered safe and in a few cases so high that their instruments could not read the levels. Short-term exposure is not typically a reason to be alarmed, though officers with suppressed immune systems are especially at risk. The researcher said police should wear protective gear, including respirators, especially when they are tearing down operations. Law enforcement leaders said they are grateful for the study — funded by a Justice Assistance Grant and money from the chiefs and sheriff's associations — and will take safety measures to ensure the well-being of officers.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/marijuana/ci_21511834/study-finds-perilous-mold-pot-growing-operations

30. *September 11, Carroll County News* – (Arkansas) **911 dispatch goes down during storms Friday.** For several minutes September 7, potential 9-1-1 callers in Carroll County, Arkansas heard only empty air. Thunderstorms and a dysfunctional backup generator knocked the emergency dispatch center offline. Those same storms also disabled the electronic controls to jailhouse doors, the sheriff said. He said normally a backup generator at the dispatch facility would have activated. However, the machine did not register the loss of power September 7 and failed to turn on. The county jail also lost power, disabling the electronic control system for doors. The system had yet to be repaired as of late September 10.

Source: <http://www.carrollconews.com/story/1892578.html>

31. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Texas) **6 detention center employees guilty on gun charges.** Six of the seven Laredo, Texas, residents who pleaded guilty to illegally buying guns September 10 worked at a federal detention center. Federal prosecutors said the six worked at the Rio Grande Detention Center in Laredo. The center is privately managed by The Geo Group and holds federal detainees awaiting trial for the U.S. Marshals Service. The seventh was a close friend of one of them. Prosecutors alleged that in 2011, the group acquired 16 guns, mostly semi-automatic rifles of the sort preferred by organized criminal groups in Mexico. In the purchases, they indicated they were buying the guns for their own use. However, they were being paid to buy them for someone else, a tactic known as straw purchases.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/state&id=8805366>

32. *September 10, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* – (Indiana) **Indiana medic hurt when ambulance fired upon during transport.** Three people were shot and a medic was injured September 9 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, after a passing car fired upon an ambulance carrying a stabbing victim and a car that contained the victim's friends and family. Police in Fort Wayne have four suspects in custody, said a police spokesman. He said police were called to Piere's Entertainment Center after a man was stabbed inside during an altercation. Medics treated the victim and put him in an ambulance to take him to a hospital. A passing car then opened fire on the car with the victim's friends and family in it, and the ambulance, said the spokesman. All three occupants of the car were shot and stopped at a gas station, where they were met by medical staff. All three victims were in stable condition. The ambulance received multiple shots as the vehicle sped passed it while opening fire. A medic in the ambulance was cut by glass that was shot out. A suspect vehicle was later found by an Allen County Sheriff's Department officer who attempted to stop it. The vehicle fled and a pursuit ensued. Police eventually stopped it and arrested four suspects.

Source: <http://www.emsworld.com/news/10776407/indiana-medic-hurt-when-ambulance-fired-upon-during-transport>

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Information Technology Sector

33. *September 11, Softpedia* – (International) **Researchers find flaws in Army-approved FortiGate appliances.** Experts from the Vulnerability Lab identified a number of security holes in FortiGate UTM appliances found on the U.S. Army's 2012 Information Assurance Approved Products List (IA APL). The company addressed the vulnerabilities to ensure their customers are protected. Multiple cross-site scripting (XSS) issues were found to affect UTM Firewall appliance applications such as FortiGate-5000 Series, FortiGate-3950 Series, and FortiGate-3810A. Identified in May, the medium-severity flaws could have been leveraged by a remote attacker to hijack customer and administrator sessions, manipulate Web site context on the client side, and for phishing campaigns. Multiple persistent Web Vulnerabilities also affected the same FortiGate UTM appliance applications. They allowed a remote attacker to persistently inject their own malicious script code to manipulate specific customer and administrator requests.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Researchers-Find-Flaws-In-Army-Approved-FortiGate-Appliances-291459.shtml>
34. *September 10, IDG News Service* – (International) **Glastopf Web application honeypot gets SQL injection emulation capability.** The Honeynet Project, a non-profit organization that develops open-source security research tools, created a component for the Glastopf Web application honeypot software that can emulate applications vulnerable to SQL injection attacks to trick attackers into revealing their intentions. One of the several honeypot tools created by those involved in the Honeynet Project is called Glastopf and consists of a Web server that dynamically emulates vulnerable Web applications to attract attackers. September 8, the Honeynet Project released a SQL injection "handler" for the Glastopf Web application honeypot. The component was developed as part of Cyber Fast Track, a research program funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. "The main goal of this project was the development of a SQL injection vulnerability emulator that goes beyond the collection of SQL vulnerability probings," the Honeynet Project said. "It deceives the adversary with crafted responses matching his request into sending us the malicious payload which could include all kinds of malicious code."
Source:
http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/262081/glastopf_web_application_honeypot_gets_sql_injection_emulation_capability.html
35. *September 10, Dark Reading* – (National) **Retail fail: Walmart, Target fared worst in Def Con social engineering contest.** The third annual Def Con Social Engineering Capture the Flag Contest held at the Def Con 20 conference in July featured 20 contestants competing to elicit as much specific information, or "flags," out of employees at Walmart, AT&T, Verizon, Target, HP, Cisco, Mobil, Shell, FedEx, and UPS in cold-calls. Walmart and Target ended up with the highest scores, which means they did the worst, said a professional social engineer with social-engineer.org who lead the contest. Walmart performed the worst by exposing the most information both online and when its employees were cold-called by the social engineering contestants. Contestants posed as everything from fellow employees to office-cleaning service

providers, using these phony personae as pretexts to schmooze the employees to give up seemingly benign but actually very valuable data that can expose an organization to attack. One disturbing trend: every employee who was asked to visit a URL during the call did so. Among the flags contestants could pursue were disk-encryption type, ESSID name, computer model and OS, antivirus software, name of cleaning/janitorial service, and the name of the company's third-party security guard company. Mobil and Shell employees contacted by the contestants posing as their various pretext characters were the most cautious and uncooperative in giving up information.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/insider-threat/167801100/security/attacks-breaches/240007096/retail-fail-walmart-target-fared-worst-in-def-con-social-engineering-contest.html>

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Communications Sector

36. *September 11, Fox News* – (International) **What really caused the massive GoDaddy outage?** An outage to popular Internet registrar GoDaddy.com that took thousands of Web sites offline for 6 hours September 10 was the result of internal network events, not a malicious hacker, the company said September 11. In a statement released September 11, the company's interim CEO said the incident was due to a corruption of network router tables. An anonymous Twitter user calling himself "Anonymous Own3r" had claimed credit for the September 10 attack. GoDaddy immediately acknowledged the incident September 10, which took down the company's own Web site and email services.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2012/09/11/godaddy-outage-due-to-corrupt-router-tables-not-hackers/%20%3Chttp:%20www.foxnews.com=%22%22%20tech=%22%22%202012=%22%22%2009=%22%22%2011=%22%22%20godaddy-outage-due-to-corrupt-router-tables-not-hackers=%22%22%3E%3C/http:%3E>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

37. *September 11, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Arson not suspected in \$1 million Norris Lake marina fire.** Arson was not suspected in a LaFollette, Tennessee, marina fire September 10 that consumed more than \$1 million worth of watercraft and docks. The marina owner said 58-60 boats were burned. Damaged watercraft included fishing boats, pontoon boats, and ski boats. Covered slips impacted by the flames were B, C, and D, he said. The marina has 170 slips. The owner estimated each lost boat ranges in value from \$20,000-\$30,000. He had no dollar value readily available on the loss of his dock and covered slips and estimated about “90 percent of our business is out of state.” Firefighters used floating pumps supplied by the Caryville and Pinecrest departments. The Caryville fire chief said the floating pump is a device that can be placed in a body of water that pumps water to firefighters. He said flames were on docks about 100-150 feet from the main office and restaurant. Flames did not reach the office area. At the same time, firefighters commandeered two pontoon boats to fight the flames.
Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/sep/11/arson-not-suspected-in-1-million-norris-lake/>
38. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **State police: 5 wounded in Wynne park shooting.** The Arkansas State Police said five people were wounded at a shooting in a city park in Wynne, Arkansas, the Associated Press reported September 10. A State police spokesman told the Forrest City Times-Herald that the shooting occurred September 8 at E.U. Deshay Park. Wynne police are leading the investigation. State police said the five victims all were treated and eventually released from area hospitals.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/State-police-5-wounded-in-Wynne-park-shooting-3854533.php>
39. *September 10, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Electrical problem likely cause of downtown Maryville fire.** An electrical problem was the likely cause of a fire that heavily damaged a nearly 100-year-old office building in downtown Maryville, Tennessee, September 10, officials said. The fire, reported at the Law Office Building, appeared to have started in a second-floor closet where computers are housed, stated the Maryville police and fire chief. The fire displaced the 30,000-square-foot building’s 15 commercial tenants. Crews with the Maryville and Alcoa fire departments worked 4 hours to extinguish the flames, which buckled or collapsed sections of the roof. The incident closed the surrounding block.
Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/sep/10/flames-erupt-downtown-maryville-office-building/>
40. *September 10, KTNV 13 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Apartments near Flamingo and Decatur evacuated due to gas leak.** Nearly 10 apartment buildings in Las Vegas were evacuated September 10 due to a natural gas leak. Firefighters immediately began evacuating dozens of residents of the buildings. Southwest Gas worked for more than 5 hours to repair the leak. Crews dug up pipes where the leak was believed to have started. Although, they are still investigating what may have caused it. Two Clark County School District buses were sent to the area, to provide evacuees with a place to

escape the heat. Most residents were allowed back in their homes September 10. However, the Red Cross helped 15 families stay in a hotel for the night. Those families were not allowed back in to their homes, because Southwest Gas was still doing some inspections to make sure natural gas was at safe levels.

Source: <http://www.ktnv.com/news/local/169229436.html>

41. *September 10, KGET 17 Bakersfield* – (California) **Police standoff ends in downtown Bakersfield.** A police standoff ended overnight in downtown Bakersfield, California, after police said a man barricaded himself inside an apartment complex, then set it on fire, KGET 17 Bakersfield reported September 10. A resident at an apartment called police late September 9 when the suspect began throwing his furniture out the window, yelling he had a gun and knife. When police arrived, officers said the suspect refused to come out. They said about an hour later, he surrendered, but then noticed he had set the apartment on fire. Firefighters said as many as eight apartment units were evacuated. No one was injured. However, police said the suspect pepper sprayed an officer. Estimated damage was at least \$50,000.

Source: <http://www.kget.com/news/local/story/Police-standoff-ends-in-downtown-Bakersfield/3h3dK6kS9kiJclj4Mfx3Q.csp>

42. *September 10, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Walmart evacuated over bomb threat.** A Walmart in Englewood, Colorado, was evacuated because of a bomb threat, stated Englewood Police dispatchers. They said the bomb threat concerning the store was received September 10. The Arapahoe County Bomb Squad and Jefferson County Sheriff's Department searched the store and parking lot with a bomb-sniffing dog. Nothing was found and they left the area nearly 3 hours later. A witness photographed about 20 people huddled in the shadow of a nearby building.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/31423885/detail.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

43. *September 11, Associated Press* – (West) **Evacuations ordered in Washington State, Wyoming, Montana as fire season rages on across west.** Crews in central Washington and Wyoming worked September 10 to protect homes from two of the many wildfires burning across the west as a destructive fire season stretches into September with no relief expected from the weather anytime soon, the Associated Press reported September 11. The National Weather service issued red-flag warnings for wide swaths of eastern Washington and Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and all of Wyoming. In Wyoming, authorities evacuated 500 people from homes and cabins as a wildfire about 10 miles southeast of Casper, the Sheep Herder Hill Fire, quickly grew. The fire started September 9, burned at least six structures, and scorched more than 15 square miles by September 10. About 1,000 residents had been told to prepare to leave as the Little Horsethief Fire burned more than 4 squares miles in a mountainous area less than 2 miles south of Jackson. The blaze was about 15 percent contained. In Washington

State, residents of about 180 homes on the west side of Wenatchee, were told to evacuate September 9, a Wenatchee police sergeant said. In western Montana, residents of about 350 homes threatened by a wildfire west of Hamilton were told to leave September 10. The Sawtooth Fire grew to 2 square miles and was threatening houses, two businesses, and scores of sheds, barns, and other buildings spread out over a 10-mile area, a fire information officer said. Blazes have scorched more than 8.1 million acres across the west so far in 2012, up from the 10-year average of 6.1 million, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/09/10/fire-season-drags-on-in-west-evacuations-ordered/>

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Dams Sector

44. *September 10, Montreal Gazette* – (International) **Dikes burst as rain ahead of tropical storm Leslie swamps Nova Scotia rivers.** Heavy rain swamped two Nova Scotia, Canada rivers September 10, leading to flooding and evacuations in Colchester County. Two Nova Scotia rivers spilled their banks as several dikes gave way, leading to flooding that caught some residents in the Truro area by surprise. Dozens of other homes and businesses were flooded, including 40 homes on one street alone. Water levels began rising in the North and Salmon rivers near Truro, which remained under a rainfall warning as tropical storm Leslie churned toward Atlantic Canada.

Source:

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/Dikes+burst+rain+ahead+tropical+storm+Leslie+swamps+Nova+Scotia/7218856/story.html>

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